

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 are pending and allowed in this application. By this Amendment, the specification and claim 2 are amended. Claim 2 is amended only to correct an antecedent basis issue and does not affect the patentability of the claim.

I. Drawings

Although not objected to, formal drawings are submitted.

II. Disclosure

The Disclosure is objected to for allegedly having numerous words that are incomplete (particularly missing the letter "e"). The inclusion of incomplete words in the specification available to the Examiner through the PAIR system of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Website appears to be the result of an error incurred during the scanning process of the originally filed application. The specification as filed contained no such incomplete words as evidenced by an original copy of the facsimile specification filed on February 5, 2004 that is attached hereto. The copy of the original specification is submitted as a substitute specification in reply to the objection to the Disclosure.

The Office Action also suggests that the word "higher" at page 3, line 21 of the specification "should perhaps" be rewritten as "lower". The specification is not amended as suggested because use of the word "higher" is believed to be correct. For example, the specification indicates that the body portion of the oil pan is higher in toughness than the reinforcing member and is therefore clear and consistent with similar descriptions of the body portion of the oil pan in the remainder of the specification.

Finally, the specification is amended at page 16, lines 23 and 27 to correct "movable core 62" to properly recite "movable core 67".

III. Claim Objections

Claim 2 is objected to for failing to provide antecedent basis for a recited feature. As claim 2 is amended, withdrawal of the objection to claim 2 is requested.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-7 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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Attachments:

Substitute Specification
Formal Drawings

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